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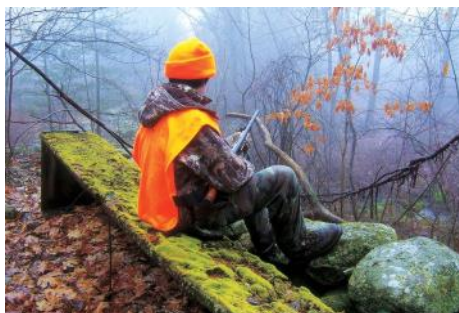
INSTRUCTORS' CHALLENGE

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Instructors Reach Service Milestones

Our volunteer instructors are the backbone of the Massachusetts Hunter Education program and each year we recognize and honor the dedication and service of our Volunteer Instructors who have reached significant milestones. Their years of distinguished service are a testament to their commitment to ensure the future of the hunting tradition. Congratulations to the 62 instructors who have achieved such a milestone. We thank the recipients for their extraordinary efforts and continued support !



30 Year Tribute

Steven Stella - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Tewksbury

Paul Topham - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor and Bow Hunter Ed. Advisor from Wrentham

25 Year Tribute

James Benoit - Basic Hunter Ed. & Bow Hunter Ed. Team Leader from Florence

Thomas Bonnell - Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Ayer

Robert Butler - Basic Hunter Ed. Team Leader from Nantucket

Donald Dextraze - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Haydenville

John Giunta - Basic Hunter Ed. and Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Townsend

20 Year Tribute

Thomas Dussault - Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Feeding Hills

John Green - MC&S Instructor from Adams

Randy Paul - Bow Hunter Ed. Team Leader from Tolland

Robert Rooks - Basic Hunter Ed. and MC&S Instructor from Northborough

David St. Laurent - Bow Hunter Ed. Team Leader from Blandford

Francis Tremblay - MC&S Team Leader from Pittsfield

15 Year Tribute

Michael Denault - Basic Hunter Ed. Team Leader from Stamford, VT

George Haas - Basic Hunter Ed., Trapper Ed., and Waterfowl ID Team Leader, and Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Montgomery

Alexander Hoar - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Amherst

Peter Markert - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Hardwick

Wayne McLain - Basic Hunter Ed. Team Leader from North Adams

Paul O'Neil - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Leyden

Larry Snider - Basic Hunter Ed. and MC&S Instructor from Newfane, VT.

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Instructors Reach Service Milestones cont.

10 Year Tribute

George Baggett - Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Chatham

James Bolduc - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Colrain

Stanley Casey - Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Billerica

Bob DeLisle - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Edgartown

Eric d'Hedouville - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Falmouth

Christopher Dwyer - Trapper and Waterfowl ID Instructor from Hadley

Jim Dziedzina - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Agawam

Pam Edgecombe - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Attleboro

Roger Ellis, Sr. - Basic Hunter Ed. and Waterfowl ID Instructor from Carver

Paola Ferrario - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Holyoke

Carl Hildebrandt - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Springfield

Russell Iuliano - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Auburn-dale

Stephen Morawski - Basic Hunter Ed. Team Leader from Russell

Larry Morley, Sr. - Basic Hunter Ed. & Bow Hunter Ed. Team Leader from Granby

Ben Pierce - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Falmouth

John Theriault - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Otis

Paul Tower - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Montgomery

Brian Tucholke - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Falmouth

Robert Verzone - Basic Hunter Ed., Bow Hunter Ed., and Waterfowl ID Instructor from Plymouth

Lee Weishar - Basic Hunter Ed. Team Leader from Falmouth

Michael Zimmerman - Basic Hunter Ed. and Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Hampden

Michael Zybura - Basic Hunter Ed. and Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Chicopee

You may be Surprised to know...

HUNTERS Support & Respect REGULATIONS

Licenses

Necessary for nearly all hunting. Requires the completion of Hunter Safety Education Course.

Seasons

Certain wildlife can only be hunted during certain times of the year to ensure sustainability.

Tags

Necessary for big game. Permits hunting of 1 specific animal, during season, in approved locations.

Stamps/Validations

Necessary for certain small game. Permits hunting of specific animals during season, in approved locations.

Note that regulations, seasons and permit rules differ from state to state and species to species. This is done strategically to manage wildlife populations in different areas.

Sources

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2014. Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, 2016
- Department of Environmental Conservation. Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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Milestones continued

5 Year Tribute

Luc Bourgeois - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Dracut

Wayne Buettner - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Canton

Curtis Chandler - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Aquinnah

Shannon Deane - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Bernardston

Christ Errington - Basic Hunter Ed., Bow Hunter Ed. and MC&S Instructor from Millbury

Raymond Gajewski - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Marshfield

Whit Haselton - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Andover

Michael Knuerr - Basic Hunter Ed. and Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Palmer

Brian MacFee - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Marshfield

Max Merighi - Basic Hunter Ed. and MC&S Instructor from Somerville

Michael Pearson - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Framingham

William Peterson - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Sagamore Beach

David Pinard - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Harvard

Dave Smith - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Brewster

Ernest Studley - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Cohasset

Chris Travers - Basic Hunter Ed. and Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Ashby

Brian Trickett - Basic Hunter Ed. Instructor from Pepperell

Jason Zimmer - Basic Hunter Ed. and Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Marshfield

Richard Zimmerman - Basic Hunter Ed. and Bow Hunter Ed. Instructor from Waltham

Instructors Needed For MJCC

The MA Hunter Education Program offers Basic Hunter Education annually at the MA Junior Conservation Camp. This year camp will return to the MOSES Scout Reservation, 310 Birch Hill Rd. in Russell MA.

The dates for this year are Monday, August 6th through Friday, August 10th. We will have a number of small groups of students participating in classes Monday through Thursday. We will also have all of the campers on Friday at the same time and anticipate dividing them into three separated classrooms.



MHEP Instructors teach the Basic Hunter Ed. course and typically graduate 100 students annually at MJCC.

To facilitate this schedule we will have two classrooms in session on Monday 8/6 & Tuesday 8/7 requiring eight total instructors ; one classroom requiring four instructors on Wednesday 8/8; one classroom requiring four instructors on Thursday 8/9; and three classrooms requiring twelve total instructors on Friday 8/10.

The daily class schedule runs from 9am—4:30pm, so we ask instructors to be available 8am—5pm to set up and teach classes. If you wish to stay overnight, the scout reservation has a nice two story staff lodge available. It accommodates 30 people and has indoor plumbing.

Please consider teaching with us at MJCC this year! To sign up or for more information contact Todd Olanyk at 508-389-7825 or email Todd.Olanyk@state.ma.us.

Brian Malone Honored

Calendar Of Events



Brian Malone, MA Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor, received the NWTF Mentor of the Year award for his dedication and sharing his love of the outdoors and wild turkeys with others. He accepted the award earlier this year during the 42nd annual NWTF Convention and Sport Show in TN.

"I'm both humbled and extremely honored to be named the volunteer Mentor of the Year," Malone said. "As sportsmen, the most important thing we can do for the future of hunting and wildlife conservation ... is to leave more than we took for the next generation to come. Take the time to pass down the knowledge that has been passed down to us. Do all that we can to provide education, assistance and hunting opportunities for anyone interested in participating in this sport. Also, work as hard as we can to better, to improve and to protect our natural resources and open spaces."

For more than 30 years, Malone taught others about conservation while taking them on their first turkey hunts. Throughout his professional and personal life, Malone has volunteered at hunter education classes, turkey hunting 101 courses and mentored hunts. Malone also was instrumental in the restoration of the wild turkey on Cape Cod, serving as former director of natural resources in Dennis.

"Brian is a mentor's mentor," said Becky Humphries, NWTF CEO. "Because of his dedication to preserving our hunting heritage, those he first mentored are now recruiting a whole new generation of hunters. We are blessed to have a dedicated and faithful volunteer like Brian."

Congratulations Brian for the well deserved recognition.

June 2-3: FREE FISHING WEEKEND – Take a friend or family member fishing - you won't need a fishing license to fish any public freshwater lake, pond, reservoir, river or stream statewide from 12 a.m. Saturday June 2 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday June 3. While you can fish for free on June 2-3, a license is required at all other times if you're 15 or older. If you're 15-17, your license is free. Learn more about license purchases and fees.

June 2: Great Falls Discovery Center Family Fishing Festival, Turners Falls – This is a free, family friendly, learn to fish event. Bring your fishing equipment, or borrow ours; limited equipment and bait will be provided at the Great Falls Discovery Center on the Connecticut River in Turners Falls (2 Avenue A), 10 a.m.–2 p.m. This event is in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. *Open to the public. Contact Jim Lagacy at (508) 389-6309 or jim.lagacy@state.ma.us for more information.

June 2: Get Up and Get Outdoors Family Fishing Festival, Charlton – This is a free, non-competitive, family friendly, learn to fish event. Bring your fishing equipment, or borrow ours; limited equipment and bait will be provided at Buffumville Lake Park (229 Oxford Rd., Charlton), 10 a.m.–1 p.m. *Open to the public. Contact Nicole Giles at Nicole.C.Giles@usace.army.mil for more information.

June 3: Carbuncle Pond Family Fishing Festival, Oxford – This is a free, family friendly, learn to fish event. Bring your fishing equipment, or borrow ours; limited equipment and bait will be provided. This event is in cooperation with the Oxford Conservation Department at the beach area off of Main Street in Oxford from 10 a.m.–1 pm. *Open to the public. Contact Jim Lagacy at (508) 389-6309 or jim.lagacy@state.ma.us for more information.

See the complete list at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/masswildlife-calendar>